

Executive Director Report
March 22, 2007

Budget

- Realizing budgetary savings (\$10,000± to date) attributed to staff vacancy since December 29, 2006.
- Received \$885 from Delta Resource and Development Council for staff services provided in planning of meetings.
- Processing transfer of \$56,000 to Commission from Sacramento County DAPC Fund.
- Represented Commission at Senate and Assembly Budget Sub-committee Hearings.
- Continuing to finalize documentation relative to receiving awarded Working Landscapes Grant.
- Commission Budget Sub-committee (Commissioners Simonsen and Johnson) has met to discuss process for Member contributions to Commission budget.

Staffing

- Processing upgrade of staffing resources to: revise job description and increase compensation of Executive Director; reclassify Environmental Scientists (vacant) position to Environmental Manager; reclassify Staff Services Analyst (S. Singleton) to Associate Governmental Program Analyst; and add a part-time clerical position consistent with meeting the goals of the Commission's 2006-2011 Strategic Plan.

Legislation

- The Legislation proposal submitted by staff to seek amendment to the Delta Protection Act to provide for Commission Member alternates is progressing via Resources Agency.
- Introduced Bills relevant to Commission:
 - Assembly Bill 909 (Wolk) Mercury Monitoring & Remediation.
 - Assembly Bill 1426 (Wolk) Parks & Nature Ed. Facilities, Central Valley Vision.
 - Senate Bill 669 (Torlakson) Continuous Regional Rec. Corridors (Funding).

Projects/Facilitation

- Mercury Collaborative, facilitated by Commission, submitted letters of comment to the Regional Water Quality Control Board on the proposed Delta Mercury TMDL.
- Working with Department of Health Services to post mercury warning signs at appropriate locations throughout the Delta.
- Delta County OES Team completed a white paper as a guideline. Agreement of Commitment has been approved by the boards of supervisors three of the five counties (Yolo and Contra Costa remain to be formally approved).
- Facilitated discussion between Department of Conservation and American Farmland Trust relative to establishing conservation easements with two landowners near Courtland.
- Facilitating development of Delta-wide agricultural easement program through initial discussions with Department of Conservation, American Farmland Trust, and the five Delta county land trusts.
- Discussed potential land acquisition relative to North Delta Improvement Plan with representatives of The Nature Conservancy and potential interested party.
- Discussions underway with Valley Vision relative to potential partnership in development of Delta Trail pursuant to SB 1556.
- Participated in presentation to Solano County Board of Supervisors to support contribution of \$6,000 from the County to the Discover the Delta Foundation for the Delta Discovery Visitor Center.
- Facilitated posting of a Welcome to the Delta sign on Ryer Island, Solano County (five signs already posted in Sacramento County and three in Yolo).

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Participated on Land Use Panel at the Delta Visioning Workshop.
- Made presentation to Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors relative to Delta-wide collaboration and coordination.
- Made presentation to the Yolo County Habitat Conservation Plan Joint Powers Authority relative to Delta-wide collaboration and coordination.
- Made Presentation to Water Education Foundation Water Leadership Class.

- Exhibited Commission display at Sacramento Boat Show in partnership with the Department of Boating and Waterways.
- Exhibited Commission display at Yolo Basin Foundation California Duck Days Celebration.